

General Robert Arter of Lansing, Kansas for receiving the Alexander Doniphan Community Service Award. Lieutenant General Arter exemplifies the attributes of General Alexander W. Doniphan, and has carried on Doniphan's legacy through a lifetime of service.

Lieutenant General Arter has distinguished himself as a military leader since he first received his commission in 1950. He has held numerous command and staff positions including command of the 1st Battalion, 506th Airborne Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and command of the First Brigade, 101st. His commitment to excellence in leadership and command has led to great recognition, including being named the Commanding General of the United States Army Military District of Washington and Commanding General of the Sixth United States Army. Even after his retirement, he continues to address the needs of both civilians and military as a member of the Governor's Military Affairs Coordinating Council.

Lieutenant General Arter has also been instrumental in the training and education of servicemembers. He has served as the Commanding General of the Third ROTC Region, Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Training Center in Fort Ord, and as Deputy Commandant, for the U.S. Command and General Staff College. He went on to hold a position as the Superintendent of Wentworth Military Academy, and he maintains an active and vital role in the education of future leaders as Chairman of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Foundation.

Lieutenant General Arter has also been committed to furthering business and economic development in his community. He has served as President and CEO of the Armed Forces Bank in Leavenworth, Kansas and remains a member of their board. He is currently Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Business Executives for National Security.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Lieutenant General Robert Arter for his selfless acts of generosity through volunteerism. I know Lieutenant General Arter's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his future endeavors.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program on its 10th anniversary. The Program was established by the Long-Term Care Security Act, and I am proud to have been the lead Democratic cosponsor of that legislation. The Program provides long term care coverage to active and retired federal and postal workers and uniformed servicemembers who participate in the program, and it covers care received at home, an assisted living facility, or a nursing home. Since the Program's implementation in 2002, it

has become the largest private long-term care insurance program in the nation with about 270,000 enrollees. Although it is an employer-sponsored program, 100% of its costs are funded by enrollees, not the federal government or taxpayers.

The Program has increased awareness in the federal community about long term care issues and needs, helped enrollees provide for the high cost of long term care, and provided participants with the opportunity to take control of their future long term care needs. Before we created the Program, long term care services were not covered by Medicare or the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The Department of Veterans Affairs offered only limited benefits, while Medicaid provided coverage only to the very poor. Since 2002, the Program has paid out almost \$200 million in claims, with a claim approval rate of 97–98%.

As the American population, and the baby boom generation in particular, continues to age, there will be an increased need for vital long term care services in this country. In 2009, more than \$250 billion was spent nationwide on long term care services, including nursing home and other assisted-living services. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, at least 70% of people over age 65 will require some long term care services at some point in their lives.

I am very pleased to recognize the great achievements of the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program in assisting enrollees and their families in financing their future long term care needs and in shielding their retirement savings and assets from the increasing costs of long term care services. I look forward to the continued success of the Program as it begins its second decade of voluntary coverage for our dedicated federal community of civilian and postal workers and members of the armed services.

REMEMBERING IDA KEIPER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "everyone can be great because everyone can serve." I rise today to remember and honor the life of a model of service, Ida Keiper. I used to tease her and call her "Mama Keips" because I knew she was Italian and she reminded me so much of my Italian grandmother. She was born in Grindstone, Pennsylvania, in 1935 to the late Antonio and Emma Perazzola. She spent the majority of her adult life in the Mantua, Ohio, area. Her life cannot simply be measured by the number of years raising children, the good Italian meals prepared or the countless hours spent helping with homework. Her service went beyond the walls of her home and stretched across the community.

Ida was a member of numerous organizations such as the PTA, the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and the Crestwood Band Patrons. She also served on the Democratic Central Executive Committee for over 20 years and was a member of the Federated Democratic Women of Portage County Ohio. In addition to her volunteer work she was also

an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ Kirtland Restoration Branch.

Ida left these thoughts to those she loves: "Goodbye to my family and friends. I hope that the paths we have traveled and passed were good ones. I pray that we will meet again in God's Kingdom. Make the most of and celebrate your gift of life. So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted with trust. It's only for awhile that we must part, so bless the memories with your heart."

Ida Keiper passed away August 6, 2012 at the age of 76. Her legacy lives on through her family and the people she touched with her selflessness and generosity. She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Keiper and their four children, Charles W. Keiper II, Faith Keiper, Linda Pallotto and Cindy Iozzia, four grandchildren, Sara, Michael, Spencer, Nathan and Lauren, and five siblings, Pete Perazzola, Nick Perazzola, Stella Nixon, Lundy Fisco and Agnes Pinkney. I offer my condolences to the family and all those whose lives who have been touched by her gentleness and grace. Italian mothers and grandmothers are a special breed and Mama Keips was as special as they come. She will be missed.

COMMENDING THE KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION FOR OBSERVING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ON SEPTEMBER 17

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Kings Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution for observing the 225th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17. I am proud of these men for remembering Tennessee's part in obtaining our independence.

The limited, constitutional government that we enjoy was made possible by the sacrifice of American patriots. At the Battle of Kings Mountain, the Overmountain Men from Sycamore Shoals, Tennessee defeated British forces, creating a turning point in the Revolutionary War. By taking up arms to free a nation from tyranny, these men exemplified Tennessee's volunteer spirit.

I sincerely thank the Kings Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution for observing this important day.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN ALAN G. POINDEXTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero, Captain Alan G. Poindexter, United States Navy, simply known as "Dex" to those of us who were blessed to know and work with him. Captain Poindexter's deep sense of patriotism, selfless